# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# RURAL DEVELOPMENT
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:262
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FINANCIAL POWERS TO DISTRICT PANCHAYATS IN UTS
MOHANBHAI DELKAR

**Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Union Government have directed the Union Territories to give administrative and financial powers to the District Panchayats where there is no Democratic set up;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Administration of Union Territories have implemented the Directions given by the Union Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

## Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M VENKAIAH NAIDU)

(a)&(b) The UTs like all the States have been asked to devolve powers pertaining to the 29 subjects listed in the Eleventh Schedule of the Constitution. After the Conference of State Ministers on 11-07-2001, Union Minister for Rural Development has also written to all UTs and States stressing the need for complete devolution by 31st March, 2002.

(c)&(d) The UTs have devolved powers in varying degrees. Status of devolution of Departments/subjects with Funds, Functions and Functionaries to Panchayati Raj system by the UTs is attached below.

| Sl No. | UTs | No. of Departments/subjects (out of 29) Transferred to Panchayats | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | Funds | Functions | Functionaries |
| 1 | A & N Islands | - | - | - |
| 2 | Chandigarh | - | - | - |
| 3 | D & N Haveli | - | 03 | 03 |
| 4 | Daman & Diu | - | 29 | - |
| 5 | NCT Delhi + | Implementation of Constitution (73rd Amendment) Act, 1992 is under consideration of the Govt. of Delhi | | |
| 6 | Pondicherry + | - | - | - |
| 7 | Lakshadweep | - | 06 | - |

+ UTs with Legislatures.